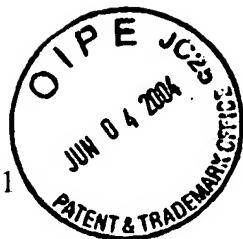


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDEO SUGIMURA, ET AL.) Examiner: S. Hsieh
Appln. No.: 10/081,843)
Filed: February 25, 2002)
For: INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS)
AND RECOVERING METHOD)
THEREOF) June 4, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for taking further action for two additional months from April 4, 2004 to June 4, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$840.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 CFR 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed for that purpose.

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